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Births.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Strobridge, Wednesday, Dec. 30, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Merwin, on Sunday, Dec. 27, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Charter Oak, on Christmas day, a son.

RIGGINS WINS LEGAL FIGHT

Los Angeles Real Estate Firm Soundly Scored.

On Wednesday last Judge Monroe of the Superior Court handed down a decision on the case of J. T. Sweatt versus J. W. Riggins, in favor of J. W. Riggins.

It will be remembered that some months ago Mr. Riggins agreed to trade his property in Covina, part of the Hollenbeck ranch to Judge J. T. Sweatt of Texas, for holdings appraised at $200,000 and embracing nearly 3000 acres of land, two cotton gins, general store, buildings, etc.

Before the exchange was completed Mr. Riggins claimed to have discovered that the land in Texas was not as represented and refused to proceed with the trade. J. T. Sweatt maintained that the trade had been completed and endeavored through the court to eject Riggins from the Covina ranch. Riggins brought a cross action against Sweatt on the ground of misrepresentation. The matter was further complicated by the real estate firm of C. B. Guthrie, of Los Angeles, claiming a commission of $12,500 for making the exchange and they filed an attachment on the Riggins ranch for that amount. An effort was made some time ago to compromise the matter, but Mr. Riggins refused to entertain any such proposition, being determined to fight the matter to a finish. Judge Monroe in handing down his decision in favor of Mr. Riggins on both counts, roundly scored both J. T. Sweatt of Texas and the Los Angeles real estate firm.

Packing Season Opens.

The packing of the Washington navel orange crop for the eastern market from the Covina district commenced the beginning of this week, when the Covina Citrus Association, the Covina Orange Growers Association, the California Citrus Union, and the Independent Fruit Buyers opened their packing houses to receive oranges for shipment.

The general outlook for the season is good, the trees in most groves being well laden, and the fruit is good in quality, being sizeable, firm, smooth and well and evenly colored. The eastern market is steady. Buyers are offering one and one-quarter cents per pound for fruit on trees, orchard run, but growers are slow to sell, believing the market warrants slightly higher prices.

All the groves have come uninjured through the late long spell of rather cold nights, thus again proving the Covina district is an ideal place for the successful development of the orange growing industry.

Will Sell at Public Auction.

The trustees of the Covina Union High School have decided to sell at public auction on Monday evening all the houses, barns, trees and orange crop on the new high school site, a full notice of which appears in the legal columns of this issue. Spirited bidding is expected on the houses as at the present time rental property in Covina is being held at a premium. The sale will take place at the present high school building at 8 p.m.

Notice to Argus Patrons.

Within a few days all parties indebted to the Covina Argus Publishing Company will receive a statement of their accounts. A prompt settlement of the same is requested to enable us to meet our own obligations.

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Gilmore Recital.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the recital given by Mrs. Imogene Gilmore at the Christian Church on Wednesday evening, enjoyed a treat of exceptional merit.

The program opened with a fine solo on the organ by Miss Anna Reynolds. Robert Philleo in the "Evening Star" from "Tannhaeser" by Wagner, charmed his hearers as he always does, and was ably accompanied by his sister, Miss Katherine. Mrs. Maud Stickney has a sweet soprano voice, well trained and with clear enunciation. She was warmly encored and sang "The Swallows," by Cowen, with "The Vow" as an encore; "The Four-Leafed Clover," by Coombs, with "The Ginger-Bread Man" as encore, and "Forgotten" by Cowles.

The reading, "The Dividing Fence" by Stuart, was a long piece given in two parts with music between. It was a pretty story of a charming widow with "two strings to her bow," and Mrs. Gilmore kept her hearers breathless through the length of it. She is a dramatic artist of pleasing personality, and finished elocution and her control of both face and voice were wonderful as she changed rapidly from the coy widow to the hard-headed business man and then again to the sentimental bachelor. For encore she gave "The Middle Hall" by the same author.

"The Soul of the Violin," by Merrill, was a tragic story recited with the talent of a tragedienne. The musical accompaniment was played on the organ by Miss Anna Reynolds and on the violin by Mr. Robert Philleo (his own arrangement).

Maryland Special Visits Covina.

The white electric palace car belonging to the Hotel Maryland of Pasadena, with forty eastern guests aboard, paid Covina a visit on Sunday. The visitors were taken around the district in autos and were greatly impressed with the vast extent of acreage covered with bearing orange trees and the comfortable homes.

On Monday the Argus mailed to Manager D. M. Linnard of the Maryland a copy of the special number of the Covina Argus for each of the tourists and received a reply from that gentleman stating that "all of the party speak in highest praise of the fine time they had touring among the orange groves and were delighted with what they saw at and of Covina." We expect many visits from the Maryland white car during the season.

Baseball Tomorrow.

Tomorrow afternoon Covina and El Monte cross bats at the Covina ball grounds, foot of Citrus avenue. The management wishes to announce that the grand stand will be repaired in time for the Sunday game and there will be comfortable seats for ladies. A conveyance will be at the corner of Citrus and Badillo to take anyone to the game that does not care to walk. Also automobiles will be on hand to take the ladies and bring them back absolutely free of charge. Game called at 2:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, Ascot Athletic Club of Los Angeles play here and on Jan. 17, Covina plays Pasadena. All of these games will be on the home grounds.

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Mrs. L. G. Fechter spent Christmas in Los Angeles, in attendance at a family reunion held at the Fechter home.

AGED CITIZEN TIRED OF LIFE

Writes Obituary, Then Fires Bullet Into Brain.

Because his life was far spent and his body racked with pain, Orvil L. Maxfield, an old resident living between Covina and Irwindale, shot himself early Saturday morning, dying almost instantly. The suicide occurred at seven o'clock at the home on the San Bernardino road. The bullet entered the right temple and merged near the top of the head, grazing the brain. Coroner Hartwell viewed the remains at the house shortly after the tragedy, and signed a certificate of death due to suicide by shooting. Maxfield deliberately planned the act. He left an obituary, carefully written, which reads as follows:

"Irwindale. Died—Orvil L. Maxfield. He was born in Fairfax, Vermont, May 6th, 1832, came to California in 1859, and was one of the oldest locomotive engineers in the state. He began his first railroading in this state on the old Market street road, San Francisco. Arroya Grande, San Luis and Hollister papers please copy, also Burlington (Vermont) Free Press and St. Albans Messenger, Vermont."

The old man had been living with Mrs. David Maxfield, his niece, for the past five years. The doctor attended him Friday, as he had been complaining somewhat of pain, and on Friday night, an old friend, E. E. Williams stayed with him until the morning. It was after his friend had left that Maxfield repaired to the chair on the back porch, and wrote the obituary, which appears in a steady, old-fashioned hand. The family, when the report was heard thought that a gopher gun, which had been set in the garden, had exploded. Maxfield left some property, which is to be divided among four relatives. Two sisters survive him, Emily Bishop lives in Monson, California, and Mrs. Ella J. Wood at Arroya Grande. Two brothers, Hampton and Harry, live in Fairfax, Vermont. In accordance with a request made long before death by Maxfield, the body will be cremated at Rosedale cemetery, Los Angeles. He was 77 years old.

A Farewell

The hospitable residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Heath on East Center street was the scene of a large gathering of friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodell on Monday night last. The occasion was a farewell in the nature of a surprise tendered them on the eve of their departure to their new home in Escondido. Music and games were the principal features of the evening. After refreshments were served the many friends of this estimable couple bade them farewell, sorry to have them go from our midst, but wishing them success and happiness in their new home, where the doctor will practice his profession, having associated himself with Dr. E. A. Plant, a former classmate at Kirksville, Mo., where both the doctors took their degrees.

Reception.

The meeting of the Monday Afternoon Club next week will be a reception in honor of the Glendora club, the baby club of the federation. Mrs. W. M. Griswold is chairman. There will be a musicale consisting of numbers by Mr. Philleo, Miss Charlotte Herron, Miss Anna Reynolds, and some others. Refreshments will be served, hostesses being the Misses Herron, Edwards, Hastings, Sanders, and Mrs. Chas. Griffiths.

This is the first meeting after the holidays, and all members are expected to be present to welcome the guests.

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STUBB'S ADDRESS.

Mr. J. C. Stubbs, Traffic Director of the Southern Pacific Company, acting as substitute for Mr. E. H. Harriman, who had promised to address the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, delivered a remarkably interesting speech before that body in San Francisco at its recent meeting. There is so much food for thought in many of Mr. Stubbs' ideas and deductions that some excerpts from the speech are printed here for the consideration of our readers:

"There has been committed to the management of Mr. Harriman, as you all know, certain railroad systems which serve, in large measure, this Trans-Mississippi region. Included in these is the original trans-continental line—that made by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads. It should have been dubbed the "Trans-Mississippi Line." Probably those railroad systems represent the largest investment of money of any productive enterprise in all the territory within the United States lying west of the Mississippi River. They are also the largest individual employers of labor. Directly and through these employees they are the greatest consumers of the products of farm, forest and factory. * * *

The trans-continental railroad lines, or rather the one described as having been first completed, as you all know, historically at least, was built by the aid of the General Government. The United States advanced large sums of money to the companies which promoted and built these roads, but do you know, what is true, that the last dollar of those advances has been returned to the Government with interest? You know that the Congress, in aid of the project, gave every odd section of Government land within twenty miles of the completed road. The Government's price for the land was $1.25 per acre, but do you know what is also true, that the price of the adjoining even sections, retained by the Government, was immediately doubled? Do you know that the Government reserved the right to fix the rates to be charged for transportation service performed for it by these land grant roads, and has exercised that right by paying only half of the going rates? That is likewise a fact. Do you also know what is demonstrable, that the saving to the Government in the cost of transportation and in the cost of caring for and controlling the Indian tribes, by the construction and operation of these lines, will aggregate much more than the sums advanced to these companies with interest compounded annually?

These questions are asked and answered to stimulate pride in the administration of our Government as a marvelously successful trader; to express my gratification in the payment of the debt, which I believe will be equally gratifying to you, and to record my wondering admiration of the prescience of our forefathers, going back to the senatorial days of Thomas H. Benton. * * *

I welcome this opportunity to say that my people do not object to the improvement of the rivers, the harbors and the waterways of this country. That work belongs to the General Government and should be done at whatever cost, wherever there is a substantial need. We think they will prove to be valuable feeders to the railroads. * * *

I beg your further indulgence to make this statement also, that, so far as I know and I ought to know—neither Mr. Harriman nor his associates have antagonized the building of the Panama Canal. Personally, I wish it had waited on the rehabilitation of our moribund merchant marine, which I believe ought to be the next great endeavor of our people; but the Panama Canal was inevitable for many reasons. * * *

The cost of maintenance has naturally increased, but the cost of operation has not been reduced in proportion to the expenditures made for the purpose of reducing it. More than one of the corporations owning a trans-continental line have experienced bankruptcy and been reorganized some of them more than once. All have at times faced great financial distress. Dividends equal to the going rate of interest for long loans on gilt-edged securities have been a recent experience to them. * * *

But as you all know, while the problems of the past have been measurably solved, we are facing a new one that is just as insistent in the minds of the far-sighted men as was the building of the first trans-continental line. It is for more and better railroad facilities in this Western country. The answer to this demand waits on the necessary money, which in volume will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. For reasons which you all understand many of you better than I do, capital has become chary of railroad investment. Perhaps the reason most effective in restraining the investor is the fear of unreasonable limitation by the public upon the returns from the investment.

The history of our railroads shows that the stockholders usually have been disappointed by the returns they have received. Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, of the Bureau of the Census and of the Interstate Commerce Commission show that in 1900 the farmers of this country received a return of 9 per cent upon the value of their farms in that year, that manufacturers enjoyed in the same year a net return of 19.4 per cent, while the average net returns upon railroads was only 4 per cent. * * *

Investors in railroads west of the Mississippi usually have not done so well. The average dividend of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe in the years from 1882 to 1906 was 2.9 per cent. The average dividend of the Northern Pacific in the years from 1883 to 1906 was 2.3 per cent. The average dividend of the Southern Pacific in the years from 1885 to 1906 was 1 per cent. The average dividend of the Union Pacific in the years 1884 to 1906 was 1.5 per cent. The average dividend of the Great Northern in the years from 1890 to 1907 was 6 per cent. * * *

The needed money will be obtainable when confidence in the productiveness of railroad investments is restored, when co-operation and good will is manifest in the relations of the people and the carriers when it is promoted by the individual citizen, when it so pervades the public mind as to find expression through legislative bodies. * * *

When these conditions prevail the needed money will be forthcoming, the work will be prosecuted and the wheels of industry begin to turn everywhere."

ARCTIC TEMPERATURES.

Zero Weather Is Regarded as Mild and Agreeable.

According to eminent arctic explorers, physical sensations are relative and the mere enumeration of so many degrees of heat or cold gives no idea of their effect upon the system.

One explorer states that he should have frozen at home in England in a temperature that he found very comfortable indeed in Lapland, with his solid diet of meat and butter and his garments of reindeer.

The following is a correct scale of the physical effects of cold, calculated for the latitude of 65 to 70 degrees north:

Fifteen degrees above zero unpleasantly warm.

Zero mild and agreeable.

Ten degrees below zero pleasantly fresh and bracing.

Twenty degrees below zero sharp, but not severely cold. One must keep one's fingers and toes in motion and rub one's nose occasionally.

Thirty degrees below zero very cold. Particular care must be taken of the nose and extremities. Plenty of the fattest food must be eaten.

Forty degrees below zero—intensely cold. One must keep awake at all hazards, muffle up to the eyes and test the circulation frequently, that it may not stop somewhere before one knows it.

Fifty degrees below zero—a struggle for life.—Chicago Record-Herald.

PETTING A HORSE.

If You Want to Please Him Rub Him Between the Ears.

"Not many people know how to pet a horse, from the horse's standpoint, at any rate," said a trainer. "Every nice looking horse comes in for a good deal of petting. Hitch a fine horse close to the curb and you'll find that half the men, women and children who go by will stop for a minute, say 'Nice horsy' and give him an affectionate pat or two.

"The trouble is they don't pat him in the right place. If you want to make a horse think he is going straight to heaven hitched to a New York cab or delivery wagon, rub his eyelids. Next to that form of endearment a horse likes to be rubbed right up between the ears. In petting horses most people slight those nerve centers. They stroke the horse's nose. While a well behaved horse will accept the nasal caress complacently, he would much prefer that nice, soothing touch applied to the eyelids. Once in awhile a person comes along who really does know how to pet a horse. Nine times out of ten that man was brought up in the country among horses and learned when a boy their peculiar ways."—New York Globe.

Queer Old Book Titles.

These are some of the odd titles of old English books published in the time of Cromwell:

"A Most Delectable Sweet Perfumed Nosegay For God's Saints to Smell At."

"Biscuit Baked In the Oven of Charity, carefully conserved for the Chickens of the Church, the Sparrows of the Spirit and the Sweet Swallows of Salvation."

"A Sigh of Sorrow For the Sinners of Zion breathed out of a Hole In the Wall of an Earthly Vessel known Among Men by the name of Samuel Fish."

"Eggs of Charity Layed For the Chickens of the Covenant and Boiled with the Water of Divine Love. Take ye out and Eat."

"The Spiritual Mustard Pot to make the Soul Sneeze with Devotion."

The Sailor's Prayer Book.

"This is what you call the sailor's prayer book," a seaman said bitterly as he kicked a holystone out of the way. "Why is it called that? Well, in the first place, it is called that because in using it, in holystoning the deck, the sailor has to kneel down, and, in the second place, because all holystoning is done on Sunday. Don't you know the chantey -

"Six days shalt thou work and do all that thou art able
And on the seventh holystone the decks and scrape the cable.

"The stone is called holystone because the first holystones were bits of tombs stolen from cemeteries. It's got a pious, religious sound—holy and prayer book and Sunday and all that—but it is when he is using this stone that the seaman is most profane."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

It Happened Before.

A self made, self satisfied and self assertive itinerant preacher was expatiating to a college graduate on his own eloquence.

"Colleges," he declared, "ain't necessary when a preacher's got a genuine call to the ministry. I'm thankful to say the Lord opened my mouth without education."

"That's interesting," returned his hearer. "Come to think of it, something like that happened several thousand years ago in connection with Balaam, wasn't it?"—Circle Magazine.

In a Nutshell.

"Big talker," declared the Indian who had been listening to a local candidate. "Heap scrap."

"And what if he is not elected?"

"Scrap heap."—Kansas City Journal.

All In His Head.

Instructor—Mr. Smith, kindly name the bones of the skull. Student Smith—Well, sir, I've got them all in my head, but I can't think of their names just now.—Bohemian.

ORDINANCE NO. 54

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF COVINA TO CLOSE UP, VACATE AND ABANDON FOR STREET PURPOSES, THAT PORTION OF AN ALLEY LYING 175 FEET SOUTH OF DEXTER STREET AND RUNNING PARALLEL WITH SAID STREET FROM CITRUS AVENUE ON THE EAST TO THIRD STREET ON THE WEST, DESCRIBING SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENTS AND SPECIFYING THE EXTERIOR BOUNDRIES OF THE DISTRICT AFFECTED THEREBY.

The board of trustees of the City of Covina do ordain as follows:

Sec. 1. That it is the intention of the board of trustees of the City of Covina, to close up, vacate and abandon for street and road purposes, all that portion of an alley, being a public alley of the City of Covina, of uniform width of 18 feet, running east and west, and the north line of the same being 175 feet south of the south line of and parallel with Dexter street, from the west line of Citrus avenue on the east, to the east line of Third street on the west, in Block 19 of the City of Covina, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in book 9, pages 3 and 4, Miscellaneous Records of said county.

Sec. 2. That the exterior boundries of the district of land to be affected by said vacation, work, or improvements are specified and declared as follows, towit:

The south line of Dexter street on the north; the west line of Citrus avenue on the east; the north line of Puente avenue on the south; the east line of Third street on the west.

Sec. 3. That the Street Superintendent shall post notices of this vacation, work, or improvement as required by law, and shall cause this to be published once per week for two successive weeks in the Covina Argus, a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said City of Covina, and hereby designated for that purpose.

Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once per week in the Covina Argus, said paper is hereby designated for that purpose, and shall post the same conspicuously for two days on or near the chamber door of the place of meeting of the board of trustees of said city, and thereupon and thereafter it shall take effect and be in full force.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of the City of Covina, held on the 24th day of December, 1908, by affirmative vote of at least three trustees, towit:

Ayes—Lahee, Potter and Warner.

Noes—None.

Absent—Moxley and Ratekin.

Signed and approved this 24th day of November, 1908.

E. H. LAHEE,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Covina.

Attest: A. M. PENCE, City Clerk.

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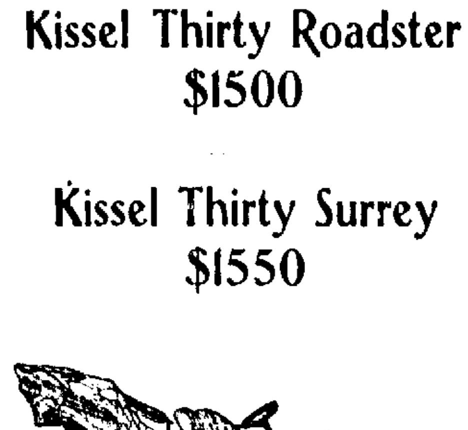

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR THE VACATION AND ABANDOMENT OF PORTIONS OF ROWLAND AND WORKMAN AVENUES IN COVINA ROAD DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by United Investment Co. and 14 others, asking for the vacation and abandonment of that portion of Rowland Avenue from Azusa Street to the westerly line of the Phillips Tract, and that portion of Workman avenue from said Azusa Street to the westerly line of the said Phillips Tract, as per map recorded in Book 9, page 4, Miscellaneous Records of said County, said avenues being situated in the Covina Road District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and that said petition will be heard by said Board, at its office in the County Courthouse, City of Los Angeles, California, on Monday, December 28, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, California, made December 7, 1908.

C. G. KEYES,
County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said Los Angeles County.
by A. M. McPherron, Deputy Clerk.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, A. D., 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Dated Dec. 23, 1908.

Assessment Notice.

Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the second day of December, 1908, an assessment, (No 47) of 75 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock (as increased October 22nd, 1886) of the above named corporation, payable immediately to the secretary at the office of the company at Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 5th day of January, 1909, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 26th day of January, 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., December 2, 1908.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, made on the 6th day of May, 1907, in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Lucinda Rockwell, a mentally incompetent person, in the matter of the above entitled estate, the undersigned administrator of the said estate, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, in gold coin of the United States, and on such terms as may be satisfactory to said administrator and lawful, and subject to confirmation by the said Superior Court, on and after the 1st day of February, 1909, at the office of Wm. A. Gaines, attorney for said administrator and estate, room 401, Chamber of Commerce, 130 South Broadway, City and County of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said estate of Lucinda Rockwell, mentally incompetent, in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 17, in block 5, of the Townsite of Covina, as per map in Book 9, pages 3-4, Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, State of California, and all the personal property itemized and described in said petition.

Said real property so described is recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1908.
WM. A. GAINES, Attorney for the Estate.
401 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Covina will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at the office of the corporation at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Portions of Messiah and Other Music Creditably Rendered at Presbyterian Church.

Just a bit better than has been attempted for some time in Covina was the sacred concert Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church, which was participated in by many of the well known musicians of this section. The music was under the direction of Mr. H. N. Wells, choirmaster of the church, who has brought the choir to a high degree of efficiency since coming to the church. The floor of the church was completely occupied, while many seats were taken in the balcony.

The talented young organist, Mr. Alec W. Anderson, opened the concert with a pleasing improvisation, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Paul G. Stevens, pastor of the church. The great contrato solo from Handel's "Messiah" was rendered in a pleasing manner by Mr. Wells, "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive." This recitative was followed by the aria, "O Thou That Tellest," by Mr. Wells with chorus, the selection being from the same oratorio, and during the program other selections from the Messiah were sung by Henry L. Marshall, being the recitative, "Comfort Ye," followed by the air, "Come Unto Him."

The Pastoral Symphony from the Messiah was finely rendered by Mr. Anderson as an offertory, playing also the air of the great contralto solo of promise, "He Shall Feed His Flock."

Mrs. Paul G. Stevens sang beautifully the solo of Gounod's, "Adore And Be Still;" and Mr. Robert Philleo rendered Schuman's "Traumeri" and another selected solo. A quartet composed of Mrs. Stevens, Miss Ada Blanchard, Leroy Blanchard and H. N. Wells sang a number of selections, among which were "Brightest And Best of the Sons of the Morning," Dudley Buck; "Behold A King," Charles P. Scott; "There Were Shepherds," Albert J. Holden; "Songs of Praise the Angels Sing," Adams. Mr. Anderson played the Recessional March by H. E. Nichol, as an organ postlude. Rev. Mr. Stevens gave a brief sermon applicable to the week of Nativity. The concert has established a reputation for creditable music for this church.

Dies in Mexico.

Word has been received by Daniel Reichard of Irwindale of the death of his brother, J. B. Reichard. The death occurred several days ago in the vicinity of San Dieguito, Mexico, and was the result of a congestive chill. The facts surrounding the death of Mr. Reichard are exceedingly meagre at the present time, as the man died some distance from civilization. Mr. Daniel Reichard is making every effort possible to obtain particulars. The dead man's daughter, Mrs. Nellie Bishop of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has been communicated with and will take charge of the remains. Mr. Reichard hopes to hear definite news before the first of the week.

J. B. Reichard was for some years associated with Daniel Reichard in the joint ownership of lands in the vicinity of Irwindale and Covina, and he is well known by the older residents of this district. The lands where Daniel Reichard's home is now situated were once owned jointly by himself and brother, but were taken over by Daniel when his brother became interested in the lands in Mexico. Both the brothers were interested in property in Mexico.

Daniel Reichard states that he has no definite idea of the holdings of his brother, but a search of the records will be made by his family.

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Notice of Auction Sale.

The Covina Union High School District will sell to the highest bidder, at the present high school building on the San Bernardino road, at 8 p.m., Jan. 4, 1909, the following property now situated on the new high school site on Citrus avenue: Two houses; 1 barn, 30x48; 1 wind mill tower and large tank; 1 pump house; crop of oranges; and 160 orange trees. Buildings must be moved within 21 days from date of sale. It G. D. JENNINGS, Clerk.

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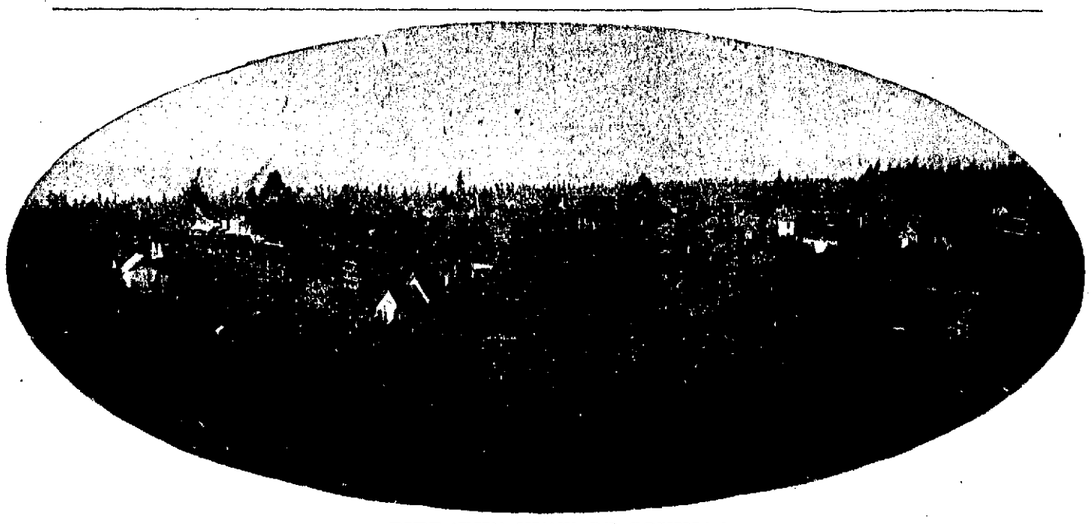
THE above were the words which fell from the lips of Gov. J. N. Gillett of California, when hed visited recently this fair gem set in its semi-tropic surroundings. No words more fitting coul have been chosen in describing Covina, the chief town of the far-famed San Gabriel Valley Every boulevard and driveway for miles in every direction is flanked with peerless groves, and the very atmosphere in the early springtime is laden with the perfume of the orange blossom and the trees laden with the golden ripe fruit. Along these firm, oiled driveways, ornamental vegetation of the common and rarer sorts grows in profusion, and withal are the lovely homes set in spacious grounds, where roses thrive in such varied richness that they appear voluptuous even amidst indescribable floral wealth. Sublimely eminent over the landscape that blesses the eye from Covina is the majestic peak of San Antonio and those of lesser altitude, but none the less beautiful, of the Sierra Madre range, with their snow crowns shining and sparkling like jewels. Covina has no rival in Los Angeles county for beauty of situation. Enhanced by the markings of civilization, its scenic loveliness, viewed in broad perspective, is hardly surpassed anywhere.

There is little danger of incuring any tourist's resentment by advising him to tarry at Covina for more than a casual glance about him. Many things he will treasure in memory are to be seen in and about the pretty burg.



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF COVINA

To the homeseeker Covina extends a standing invitation. The right hand of hospitality is all ways extended to all worthy people to cast their lots with ours and enjoy the grandeur of mountain, the perpetual gladness of vernal life, fruiting and flowering in perennial concert, an atmosphere blending the azone of mountain tops with the tincture of the sea, the conveniences of civilization, and an opportunity of securing handsome returns for their labors in the cultivation of our groves.

Covina was incorporated as a city in 1901, and at once took rank as one of the best governed cities of California, which position it holds steadfastly.

Our population is estimated at 2500.

Covina is located twenty-one miles east of Los Angeles in the upper San Gabriel Valley. It is connected with Los Angeles and other points by the Southern Pacific railroad and the new line of the Pacific Electric, which furnishes hourly service, with a running time of 35 minutes, through many miles of the finest orange groves.

The public schools of Covina are the pride of the people and the buildings are constructed after the most approved modern plan. In all respects they are up-to-date. Our high-school certificates are accepted in the leading colleges and universities, East and West. Grammar school graduates accredited in the high schools of California and all other states.

The people of Covina are, emphatically, church-goers, and each of the six different churches are well attended. The Methodist and Baptist denominations are both building new edifices to accommodate their respective congregations, which had outgrown their present church buildings.

No saloons exist in the city, and those who desire to raise families amid good social and moral environments find here an ideal community.

Covina boasts of a beautiful Carnegie library, built in 1905, which is largely patronized. An especial feature of [illegible] is the children's reading room.

In few communities, even in Southern California, can there be found a people more universally imbued with civic pride than are the citizens of Covina. The Covina Home Telephone Company occupies its own building and furnishes a complete and efficient service. Subscribers have the use of over 800 phones, including free connections with the towns of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, Charter Oak, Irwindale and Puente. The Covina Gas Company, also a local institution, furnishes gas for both fuel and illumination. The San Gabriel Light and Power Company furnishes light for Covina private homes and streets, which are well lighted by a complete system of incandescent lights. The Covina Land and Water Company, controlled by H. E. Huntington, furnishes the city with a pure water supply under excellent pressure. We have two national and two savings banks. Our stores are of high order and all leading lines of business are represented. The Vendome is a first-class country hotel.

Our clubs are of a social, literary and musical nature. The Monday afternoon Club, a ladies' literary, federated organization, owning a handsome club-house on the corner of Citrus avenue and Center street; the Fortnightly, a gentleman's literary club; the Amphion, a musical organization; and the Covina Country Club, equipped with a suitable and charming building; the San Gabriel Valley Auto Club with its sixty-seven autos make frequent delightful runs over the fine roadways; and the Covina Valley Farmers' Club, devoted to horticultural and public interests. Covina has also its full quota of fraternal organizations.

Covina ranks as the leading orange district of Los Angeles county. Eleven completely equipped packing houses are required to prepare for market the thousands of carloads of oranges which are shipped from this point annually to the eastern markets. In annual shipments Covina ranks first in Los Angeles county and third in the world. The raising of lemons is also a leading industry. Besides our citrus products, delicious fruits and berries of every kind are grown in abundance. Agricultural products and grains grown on lands southwest of the city also form a leading source of income.

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COVINA, January 3, 1909.

The year A. D. 1908 will be long remembered in the annals of the world's history on account of the awful calamity in Sicily and Calabria, which has marked its closing days, a calamity so far-reaching in its extent and so heart-rending in its consequences that the human mind stands appalled in contemplating it. Twenty-three cities and towns in Eastern Sicily and Southern Calabria, containing a total population of one million, seven hundred and fifty thousand, are in ruins, and although at the present time no accurate list of the dead can be obtained, yet a conservative estimate places it at two hundred thousand, which will probably be augmented when reports can be obtained from the country districts, and by the thousands who will perish from wounds and lack of shelter and food. In the town of Bagnar, Calabria, a place of ten thousand inhabitants, not one person has escaped, nothing being left but a heap of smoldering ruins. The district devasted was one of the fairest in Europe and thickly inhabited by a frugal and industrious people.

Large numbers of American and European tourists gather in Southern Italy at this time of year, and it is feared that many have perished. Arthur S. Cheney, the American consul at Messina, and his wife are reported dead. Earthquake shocks still continue at intervals, keeping the terrified survivors in a state bordering on frenzy and hindering the work of the rescuers. Italian, English and Russian warships have arrived and are being turned into hospital ships while their crews are doing valiant services ashore.

No greater catastrophe has ever befallen a nation and in comparison the San Francisco calamity appears insignificant.

On Sunday afternoon a fire in the basement of the Occidental Hotel building, South Hill street, Los Angeles, occasioned the loss of $80,000. This seems an ill-fated locality, as a fire destroyed the Los Angeles Pacific building on Thanksgiving day. Last week there was a fire in Cass-Smurr-Damerel Hardware Company's store, and three years ago the Broadway Van Nuys Hotel was destroyed by fire.

The pastor of the Union Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, on Sunday last discussed the topic, "Is Hell Worse Than Chicago?" and intimated that Chicago was able to vie in some respects with the older institution. That may be true, but Chicago is not the only one—there are other burgs that smell of the pit.

Claus Spreckles, the famous sugar king, and one of the pioneer captains of industry of the Pacific coast, died on Dec. 26th at San Francisco, of an acute attack of pneumonia. He was eighty years of age.

Henry W. Poor, a well-known banker and broker of Wall street, and for years publisher of Poor's Manual of Railroads, failed on Dec. 26th; liabilities $5,000,000.

Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of Washington, D.C., has been appointed coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt made her debut at a ball at the White House on the night of Dec. 28th. Her gown was of white satin, trimmed with crystals.

Prof. J. S. Herbe of Los Angeles has invented an aeroplane that will lift itself into the air without a gliding start.

Church News

The topics for Rev. H. W. White's sermons at the Methodist Church on Sunday will be: At 11 a.m., "Facing the New Year," and at 7:30 p. m., "Earthquake and Providence." Other services of the day as usual.

Church of Brethren: Sunday School 10 a.m.; sermon at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by D. L. Miller, of Mount Morris, Ill.; Christian Workers' meeting 6:45 p.m. Everyone welcomed.

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity, second Sunday after Christmas: Holy communion 11 a.m.; subject, "God's Individual Call to Each One." Evensong, 7:30 p.m.; subject, "The New Year." Offertory anthem by the choir. Sunday-school 9:45 a.m.

Services at the Baptist Church: Bible-school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor at 11; subject, "A New Year's Message." B. Y. P. U. 6:45; subject, "Noble Purposes." Leader, Mrs. J. N. Wilson. Preaching at 7:45 by L. A. Clark.

Christian Church: Bible-school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor 11; subject, "A Watchword for he New Year." Song by quartet. Junior, 3. Senoir Endeavor 6:30. Preaching, 7:30; subject, "What is Your Life?" Good music. Welcome to all.

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EXTEND FROM COVINA.

Again the report is that the work of building the Pacific trolley line to and through Pomona is likely to begin any day. Grading began in Upland on Monday. Word comes from there that the line will come from Covina to Pomona and thence to Claremont, Upland and San Bernardino. Hope so. It's sure to come and business conditions favor its early construction.

LARGEST LEMON HOUSE.

With the completion of the new $25,000 lemon packing house of the San Dimas Citrus Union, the city of San Dimas will enjoy the distinction of possessing the largest lemon packing house in the world. January 1st the new building will be ready for business. Modern ventilating contrivances and machinery have been installed. The main floor will be 104x300 feet and holds packed fruit to the amount of 400 carloads.

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5:50 a. m.	5:50 a. m.
7:05	6:55
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9:30	9:50
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6:45	6:35
9:00	8:00
11:30	10:00

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IRWINDALE.

An interesting wedding took place yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Merritt of Duluth, Minn., when their daughter, Miss Jessie, was married to Mr. Edward Speer of Irwindale avenue. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. S. Rice of the First Methodist Church of Duluth. At the wedding reception, over one hundred guests were present. Mr. and Mrs. Speer have left for a honeymoon trip to New York and Boston, and later will attend the centennial birthday of the groom's grandfather, Dr. Speer of Olden county, Kentucky. They are expected home about the middle of February. The bride is an heiress of great beauty, a niece of Lewis Merritt of Pasadena. While wintering at his home she attended Throop Institute and was a schoolmate of Mr. Speer. The groom is a well known rancher of this locality, a faithful member of the Christian Church, and noted in musical circles for his sweet tenor voice.

A Christmas day wedding was that of Miss Hattie Sanders, niece of Mathew Matney, Sr., to Mr. Fred Shirk of Azusa. The ceremony was performed at the future home of the young couple on Azusa avenue by the Rev. McKee of the Methodist Church of Azusa. Loving friends decorated the pretty cottage with pink and white roses and ferns. Among the thirty-five guests present were Vina Sanders, sister of the bride, and Dr. Shirk, brother of the groom, both of Kansas City. The bride wore a becoming costume of white messaline silk and a tule veil.

Leo Bendos was made happy by a visit from his son for Christmas day.

The Rev. J. W. Perkins, who with his wife is visiting at the Hostettler home, preached last Sunday at the Christian Church, South Pasadena.

Samuel Leston of Imperial was a guest last week end of the Kellar family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Los Angeles were Sunday guests of E. R. Coffman and family.

The families of E. R. and Chas. Coffman composed an auto party to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses.

Mrs. Ernest Washburn of South Pasadena and her two little daughters, who are frequent guests here of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Coffman, drove in their pony cart, decorated in pink, at the Tournament of Roses.

A house party at the Devendorf home for the holidays consisted of the Misses Bryant of Oceanside, Higley of Pasadena, and Taylor of Los Angeles.

CHARTER OAK.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Platt of San Dimas were New Year's guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stowell.

The Misses Bess Given and Sadie Lincoln are home from the State Normal for the holidays.

Miss Grace Lincoln is enjoying a vacation from the Good Samaritan hospital.

Mrs. W. D. Cole and daughter entertained the Misses Stowell and Grace and Sadie Lincoln on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Congdon were guests of relatives in Covina on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall of Covina.

Covina Dairy Changes Hands.

Mr. G. W. Hoover of Hollywood has purchased the Covina Dairy of Messrs. Shaw and Helwick. This dairy was started some years ago by Mr. Solon Jessup and has always been noted for the richness and purity of the milk supplied to the public. It is the purpose of Mr. Hoover to enlarge the output by adding more Jersey cows to the present stock. He will also start a stylish up-to-date dairy wagon and strict attention will be paid to cleanliness in all departments. The milk will be delivered in glass bottles. Mr. Geo. Covert, Sr., and J. C. Linton will have charge of the business. The transfer of the dairy business was made through Geo. Covert Real Estate Company.

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BEETHOVEN.

The Composer's Own Story of How He Became Deaf.

Charles Neate, on a visit to Vienna, was either commissioned by certain English authorities to induce Beethoven to visit England or was persuading him to do so on his own account, and as an allurement he spoke of the superiority of the English aurists in their treatment of ear disease and held out hopes that were Beethoven to consult them he might at least find some sort of relief. Beethoven shook his head. "No," he said, "I have consulted all kinds of doctors and followed their prescriptions. I shall never be cured. I will tell you how the thing happened. "I was writing an opera. I had to deal with a very tiresome and capricious tenor. I had already written two great arias to the same words, neither of which pleased him, and also a third, of which he did not care for the first time I tried it, although he took it away with him. I was thanking heaven I had done with him and had begun to settle myself to something else which I had laid aside. I had hardly worked at it half an hour before I heard a knock at the door, which I recognized as that of my tenor.

"I sprang up from my table in such a rage that as the man came into the room I flung myself upon the floor, as they do on the stage" (here he threw up his arms and gesticulated in illustration), "but I fell upon my hands. When I got up I found I was deaf, and from that moment I have remained so. The doctor said I injured the nerve."—Diehl's "Life of Beethoven."

GRAFT IN RUSSIA.

Removing the Difficulties in an Army Officer's Transfer.

A young Russian officer wished to be transferred to another regiment and took his request in person to one of the lights of the Russian general staff. That powerful officer shook his head and declared the matter very difficult to arrange—almost impossible. Then his glance fell suddenly upon the shoes of the lieutenant. To the amazement of his visitor, the senior officer said that the lieutenant's shoes were not nearly good enough for an officer and that he would strongly advise him to buy new shoes of a shoemaker whose address he gave. Then, telling his visitor to return in eight days, he dismissed him. The latter was clever enough to realize that he could not return without the new shoes, so he hurried to the shoemaker. On hearing who had sent him the shoemaker said that the lieutenant could have the shoes in five days for the sum of $250. Much astonished, the officer went to a comrade for advice. He was told to pay half of this sum at once and the rest when his shoes were finished. This the officer did, and, wearing his new boots, he duly kept his appointment with the general staff officer and learned to his joy that all the "grave difficulties" in the way of his transfer had been successfully removed.

His Hobby.

One man with an odd hobby isn't a person who gets much mail, and what he has or expects to have he can keep in mind very easily. Probably he never had a letter which went astray.

Yet every time he sees in the newspapers the list of advertised mail sent out from time to time by the general postoffice in New York he turns at once to the initial letter under which his name comes and runs carefully through the list. He never yet has found any letter that might be supposed to be for him and, furthermore, hasn't found any that might be for any of his relatives.

He takes an odd pleasure in doing it, however, something with that eagerness which impels a man to grub through a packet of old letters in hopes that he may come upon some rare variety of stamp. Really, if ever he found his name in the list it probably would kill his enjoyment of the hunt forever thereafter.—New York Sun.

Anticipated Cause For Sorrow.

Ina came in from the country on her fifth birthday to visit her cousin May. At night they were put to bed early. An hour passed, when heartbreaking sobs were heard from the children's bedroom.

"What is the matter, children?" asked May's mother, entering the dark room.

"From under the bedclothes Ina sobbed out, "May won't give me any of her peanuts."

"But May has no peanuts," replied her aunt.

"I know that," sobbed Ina, "but she said if she did have peanuts she wouldn't give me any."—Delineator.

Sufficiently Occupied.

A story is told of a colonel in General Lee's division in the late civil war who sometimes indulged in more applejack than was good for him. Passing him one evening leaning against a tree, the general said:

"Good evening, colonel. Come over to my tent for a moment, please."

"S-s-cuse me, g-g-en'ral, s-s-cuse me," replied the colonel. "It's 'bout all I can do to stay where I am."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Right Foot Foremost.

Putting the right foot foremost was an old Roman ordination originally regulating the entry of persons into a house or other building and based upon the supposition that the left was unlucky. A boy was kept at the door to see that no one entered the house "left foot first." The phrase quoted is thus seen to be very antique.

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Local Events.

The big Implement Store. C. H. Morris. Tel. Azusa 4. tf

Mrs. Milton Armel has been suffering this week with a severe case of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broadwell left yesterday morning on a business and pleasure trip to Hemet.

Chas. Yaw of Los Angeles, brother of Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat better now.

A. Dalin is suffering with rheumatism and is condemned to perambulate on crutches.

B-r-r-rh, ain't it cold! Let's go into Madison's candy store and get a hot tamale. Yes, let's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Thorpe and Mr. and Mrs. Watts formed an auto party for the Tournament of Roses yesterday.

R. A. Howland and Geo. F. Steele left on Saturday for Bakersfield, where they will spend ten days looking after their oil interests.

The Rev. Harry White and family were Christmas guests of Mr. White's father, the Rev. J. A. White of Pasadena.

Mrs. John Wilkins and Miss Muriel Sherwood are guests of Miss Helen Broadwell during the absence of her parents at Hemet.

Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Collins were guests of friends at Claremont for a reunion dinner of old Indiana friends.

One of the best thots to dwell on after the day's work is that Premier blend coffee will always be as good as it is today. W. W. & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Curtis and son, Joseph Curtis, Jr., were dinner guests on Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee.

R. F. Buller, who returned on Christmas eve from Idaho, has been suffering from sickness during the past week.

The Misses Muriel and Gwennie Sherwood, Neva Groover and Margery Clarke were dinner guests of Mrs. D. L. Foster on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Clapp of Ocean Park and Miss Rozenthal of Los Angeles were week end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Cline.

There is a peculiar, inexpressible something about good coffee that brands it to the partaker. Inferior coffees never have it. Premier blend has. Try it. W. W. & Co.

Dinner guests on Sunday at the home of Mrs. C. F. Smiley were the Misses McLean and Alexander and Mrs. Richardson and Jeon Grant, all of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Briggs of Reno, Nev., Mrs. Ed. Gillett of Los Angeles and Mr. and Mrs. Ziester and daughter of Milford, Ill., were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Broadwell last Tuesday.

Miss Marian Amidon of Los Angeles, Mr. Frank Hyde of Tulare county and Miss Ida Hawes of Pasadena, were out-of-town friends who attended Mrs. Gilmore's recital on Wednesday evening.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Griswold were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wilson and little son of Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wilson of San Gabriel, and Mrs. Campbell of Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. R. Richards, son and daughter, of Lincoln, Neb., were luncheon guests of Mrs. Merrill at the ranch on Tuesday. Mrs. Richard's husband is professor of mechanical engineering at the university at Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott Smith of St. Louis, friends of Mayor Lahee, and who spent part of last winter as his guests here, were at Messina at the time of the catastrophe and are supposed to have lost their lives as nothing has been heard from them.

E. S. Robinson left on Thursday for Hanford, California, where he has large farming interests. He took his household effects with him. Mrs. Robinson and family will follow him next week. Their departure will be regretted by a large circle of friends as we can ill afford to lose such citizens.

Col. F. M. Chapman, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia since November, was able to be down in Covina on Wednesday, when he received the hearty congratulations of his many friends. The colonel's rugged constitution and well known temperate life greatly helped to pull him through a sickness that would have proved fatal to many a younger man.

W. W. & Co.'s pastry tastes better than it looks.

Mrs. A. Nigg spent several days this week visiting relatives in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Tripp spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. George Howard, Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Warner, Bonita avenue, were Christmas guests of relatives in Alhambra.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldridge, Jr., were Christmas guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Vincent.

Mrs. Ella Hubbard came from Los Angeles to join a family dinner on Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Philleo.

The Amphion Club will meet tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Douglass. Mrs. Jennings has charge of the program.

Miss Eva Utter of Los Angeles is spending the latter part of her holidays with her friend, Miss Vivian Hodges.

Miss Alice Atwood, who has been for a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Blackwell in Los Angeles, returned home on Thursday.

Mr. and. Mrs. R. J. Pollard were dinner guests New Years of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Obert, of Los Angeles.

James Crouch has moved into his rooming house over Clapp's drug store, where he has furnished rooms to rent. 1t

A social dance will be given at the Womans Club House, Saturday evening, Jan. 9. Everyone cordially invited.

Dr. Clark (osteopath) successor to Dr. Goodell, examines and treats the eyes, fit glasses, and his fees will be found to be one-half the prevailing Los Angeles prices. tf

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nigg entertained a number of relatives at dinner Christmas day at their home on Center street.

Mrs. J. M. Ferrell and children, who have been spending the holidays at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Imogene Gilmore, left yesterday for her home in Los Angeles.

A "business men's class" has been organized at the Christian Church Sunday-school with twenty-five members for a start and the prospect of double very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Carnahan entertained at dinner on Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Gaebke, Mr. and Mrs. Engle, Mr. and Mrs. Walton, and Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Trueblood of Indianapolis, Ind., an active business man, "73 years young," is visiting his son and family at the S. J. Trueblood home, corner Citrus and Bonita avenues.

Miss Marie Preston has returned from a three months' trip thoughout the East, having visited the principal cities of the Atlantic coast, and the old home in Wisconsin.

A reunion of ten friends from Cedar Falls, Iowa, were entertained on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cooper. Among the amusements was an old fashioned candy pull.

Many of the little annoyances of the day might be overcome without a thot of worry if Premier blend coffee is a requisite of your bill of fare. W. W. & Co.

Mrs. C. B. Casey returned home before the holidays after a delightful three months' visit with relatives in the north. She is very glad to be back home in matchless Covina.

At a family reunion dinner on New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Coltrin of Irwindale, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coltrin and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heath were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Harnish and family, cousins of the Overholtzers, have moved into the cottage on W. Badillo street, recently vacated by the Misses Breakey. Mr. Harnish expects to purchase ranch property.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boyle and family arrived this week to make their permanent home in Covina. Mr. Boyle is a brother-in-law of Mr. C. H. Bailey, of Pasadena, and will look after this gentleman's extensive business interests in Covina.

Mr. Paul Meriman and mother, recent arrivals from Chicago, spent Christmas with the latter's cousin, Mrs. S. J. Trueblood. Mr. Meriman, a grandson of P. Hyacinthe, has decided to remain in California and is opening a studio in Los Angeles.

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Miss Frances Hill of Ventura is a guest of Mrs. Louis Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. McAllen, Mrs. Wallace and guest spent New Year's day at the Tournament of Roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Gooch of Rivera.

Mrs. J. H. Wagoner and daugher of Los Angeles were the guests on Thursday of Mrs. E. O. Thomason.

Lost—Between Covina and lower Ruddock ranch, new auto robe. Please leave at Argus office. 1t

For Sale—Oak and sycamore stove wood, $8 and $10 per cord. J. C. Clutterbuck. tf

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Glaze, who have been staying a short time in Covina, have left for Reedley again.

Mrs. G. W. Hepner dined at the home of her nephew, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miller, Los Angeles, Christmas.

Good pastry tastes good and doesn't hoit you. That's why we are so particular with W. W. & Co.'s pastry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong spent Christmas in Ontario, guests of the former's brother, J. H. Armstrong.

The Argus editor is indebted to Mr. A. P. Kerckhoff for three brace of ducks, to which we expect to do full justice tomorrow.

The Misses Daisy Lamphere and Gertrude Howe of Los Angeles were luncheon guests of Mrs. Harry White on Wednesday last.

Mrs. S. L. Spencer was hostess at a New Year's eve dinner, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heath and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Coltrin.

Why worry and fret and run the risk of being disappointed by cooking your own pastry when you can have W. W. & Co.'s home-made pastry?

Miss Emma Overholtzer and Mr. C. H. Stanton attended the wedding of the former's cousin at 324 Dittman street, Los Angeles, on New Years eve.

Do not forget that Dr. Clark (osteopath) who has succeeded to Dr. Goodell's practice, occupies the same offices in the First National Bank building. tf

The best test of character is a trial. There are other good coffees with names and reputations, but are they as good as Premier blend? A test will tell. W. W. & Co.

Fill up your cup, make it a bowl; even then you will leave the table with regret if Premier blend coffee is the beverage in question. W. W. & Co.

For Sale—Orange trees, Valencias and navels, 3-8 and up, 3 feet high, $1.00 apiece. Also all other trees. Address 1271 North Mentor avenue, Pasadena. F H. Orin. 1 tp

A family reunion for Christmas at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Flatt, of E. Italia street, included the latter's sisters, Mrs. Schroder and two daughters, and Mrs. Lund and daughter, all of Los Angeles.

Mr. J. Beckford of Los Angeles is ploughing five hundred acres on the Baldwin tract adjoining the Hollenbeck ranch and intends to sow it to barley. Mr. Beckford will probably come to reside in Covina in the near future.

Guests at the home of Mrs. U. G. Kring this week were the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kring, his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rumsey and Miss Mamie Hudson, all of Lexington, Neb. They have been visiting relatives in Long Beach and will locate later in California.

Mr. E. P. Hull has bought the new and second-hand furniture business lately carried on by R. Mears on Citrus avenue. He has had a long experience in this line of business in the East. Mr. Hull has been a resident of Covina for the past three years, and has been employed by Warner, Whitsel & Company for the last fifteen months, and is well and favorably known here and merits the patronage of the Covina public.

Catalina Metropole Will Open.

The Santa Catalina Island Co. give notice that the Hotel Metropole, completely equipped, will open for the season on January 5th, 1909.

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Fresh oysters, 20c a dozen at Crenshaw's Grocery.

Furnished room to Rent—Enquire at 124 West College street, Covina.

Cow Melons For Sale—$2.00 a ton. No better feed for your stock. F. M. Chapman, phone 61. tf

Pumpkins for Sale—S. S. Aschenbrenner. Call at Hurley's hardware store.

Fruits fresh for the Christmas table at Madison's. Nuts and candies for the lover of genuine dainties.

For Sale—A team of good all-purpose horses. Mrs. G. J. Reynolds. Phone 4038.

For Sale—Pickled olives in bulk. Address C. H. Coffman. Phone 101. 1-10p

Furnished rooms for rent. Apply to Mrs. Martha Hibsch, Cottage Drive. tf

For Rent—3 rooms, singly or en-suite. Furnished or unfurnished. Dr. Bates.

New sewing machine to trade for driving horse. E. P. Hull, the furniture man, Citrus avenue, Covina.

OYSTERS—From this time on we will carry fresh oysters in bulk at 20c a dozen. Crenshaw's Grocery.

Rooms to rent for light housekeeping — Apply to Mrs. Allison, West Dexter St. t f

Place your spare cash in the Covina Valley Savings Bank, a safe investment at 4 per cent.

Madison's Confectionery and Delicatessen store has its Christmas line in. Don't go by the door.

Good B flat cornet for sale. Address Gus Reidmiller, Azusa, Cal. 1 9p

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Berkshire sow. Suitable reward for return or location. Riggins Farm and Ranch, Covina, Cal.

For Sale—Orange wood. $11.00 a cord on ground and $12.50 delivered. R. Anderson. Azusa phone 4237.

The Southwestern Brokerage Company will buy your oranges for cash. R. O. Simpson, agent. Office with California Citrus Union. tf

Wood For Sale—Good, dry, seasoned eucalyptus wood, $11 per cord. Wood piled on Lark Ellen ranch, San Bernardino road. Ben F. Thorpe. Telephone 4037. 1 9

For Sale—Two 36 inch pipes with cement bottoms suitable for watering troughs. Price $4.00 each. At Kellar & Thomason's shop. Ben F. Thorpe, telephone 4037. 1t

Eggs for Settings—Thoroughbred White Leghorn, White Minorca and Black Minorca, 75c and $1.00 per setting. Mrs. J. Wheeler, Cypress avenue. Phone 1098. 3 1p

Wanted—A first class 20 acre orange grove in bearing. Some Valencias. Description and lowest cash price to J. H. Matthews, Covina.

"Chris'mas gif', Massa, Chris'mas gif'." Get a suitable Christmas gift for anyone at Madison's candy store, Citrus avenue. Nice line of boxes, high grade holiday chocolates.

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CONTRACT AWARDED.

Handsome High School Building to be Erected At Once.

J. F. Atkinson of Los Angeles, was awarded the contract for the erection of the Covina Union High School building, Monday by the school board.

Nine bids were received. Atkinson's was $33,893, but through a modification of the plans, it was reduced to $33,117- $4000 less than the estimate of Architect F. S. Allen of Pasadena.

The staff work was awarded to Walker Brothers, whose bid was $1650.

The contracts for heating, plumbing, blackboards, and other fixtures will be awarded next Monday.

The bidders on the building were: Eureka Planing Mill Company, $37,581; M. Madden, $44,6484; Crookshanks & Somers, $35,998; E. Lund, $44,600; E. M. Wheatland, $38,485; Richard Newstet, $38,380. The school district is bonded for $60,000.

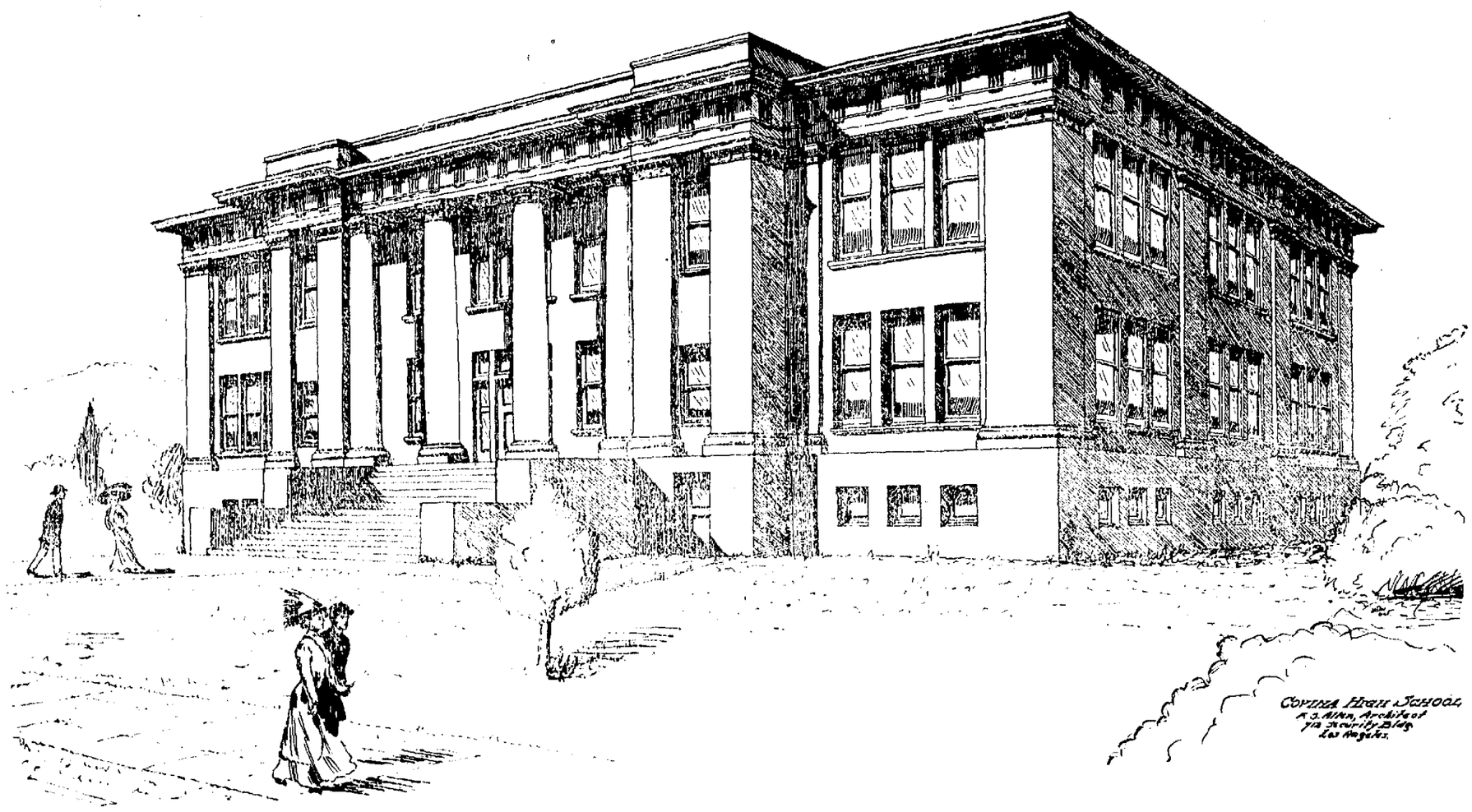
The contract provides that work must be commenced on the building by February 1, and the same be completed and ready for occupancy not later that August 1.

The architect has provided that the outside walls shall be of reinforced concrete, or the California concrete, with iron rods running between each pillar. The partition walls are of solid and reinforced concrete, with wooden timbers for the floorings. The corridors will be laid in concrete above wooden support, as well as the basement floors, while all the remaining floors are to be laid in white maple. The interior finishings in white cedar, and the roof will be covered with composition P. A B asphalt.

The heating plant in the basement is to be hermetic wrought steel air warmers, two of them set in battery, the heat being forced by big fans into every portion of the building. There, too, will be elaborately fitted shower baths and lavatories, with dressing rooms and lockers fitted with every convenience. The domestic science room will occupy large basement space and there will be lunch counters for boys and girls. The manual training room will be 38 by 41 feet, and opening off this room will be the shower baths for boys, and the gymnasium, 27 by 30 feet.

At one side of the main entrance will be the public and private offices, the teachers' rooms, and the wide, airy rest rooms for visitors. The main hallway will be fourteen feet wide and seventy five feet in length, laid in concrete.

The main feature of the building will be the splendid assembly room, 40 by 50 feet, augmented by a stage 20 by 40 feet, and a balcony running around three sides. The principal work of ornamentation of the building has been lavished on this room. The cornices are to be artistically made, and the stucco work costly and beautiful. Opening off the assembly hall will be the lecture room, made in the form of an amphitheater, with seats in tiers. On the second floor will be the physical laboratory. The chemical laboratory will be one of the best arranged in Southern California.



Union High School to be Built in Covina.

The contract was let Monday, and the cost will be thirty-four thousand dollars

Covina vs. Chino.

In the initial baseball game Sunday on the diamond south of town the Covina team was defeated by Chino, 6 to 5. For a first attempt the game was interesting as it furnished a very good criterion of the baseball material available, but the outcome of the game does not denote the relative strength of the teams.

The home players by hitting in the early part of the game acquired a comfortable lead over the visitors, and were not headed until the ninth inning, when a pair of hits off Fairly, coupled with a bunch of glaring errors, allowed the hay-makers to chalk up an even score, 5 to 5. This should not have affected the outcome as Fairly had on his strike-out clothes, and in previous innings fanned them out in one-two-three order. But in Chino's half of the tenth, the trouble started by a man reaching first by being hit by a pitched ball. The next man up knocked an infield drive that received a costly juggle at second, allowing the man to reach first. A short pop back of first by the next man was fussed around long enough to allow the man on second to slide home and score what proved to be the winning tally, for in the second frame of this round, with two men on, Stewart's attempted bunt popped up to the catcher, and a quick throw to second and from second to first completed a pretty triple, and ended the game.

Fairly had all the best of the argument in the box position. He kept his hits well scattered, and but from ragged support would have pulled out safely. His three-bagger was the longest hit of the day. Libby played a good game behind the bat, though on pegging to second he was outpointed by the Chino catcher. He was the only man on the team to bunt successfully.

On the initial sack Chase Fairly made a creditable showing and proved himself very efficient with the stick, drawing a double and a clean single. Shirley at second, Stewart at third and Hughes playing short completed the infield staff. They all played with snap and style but several miscues damaged their fielding averages considerably. Hughes had one try which he disposed of handily.

Coolman, Montague and Layman were stationed in the outfield. The latter misjudged several high ones. Montague only had one chance and Coolman ran up on a drive that sailed over his head.

Taken as a whole the men showed up remarkably well for the first time they had been together, and with a few minor changes a team can be picked that will hold its own in fast company.

A NOTORIOUS OUTLAW

Fearless "Billy the Kid," Who Reveled In Carnage.

ONLY A BOY, YET A TERROR.

This Youthful Desperado of the Southwestern Territories Was but Twenty-one When He Met Death at the Hands of Sheriff Pat Garrett.

When General Lew Wallace was governor of New Mexico and the war that raged for several years between the rival cattle companies was at its height "Billy the Kid" had reached the flood of his murderous career. He arrived in Lincoln county to take sides in the cattle warfare, known and feared in every range town and mining camp in the southwestern territories.

Pure wanton love of carnage was all that attracted him to Lincoln county. With the band of desperadoes he led he raided ranches, "shot up" towns, killed, burned houses and committed outrage after outrage with the blind recklessness of a maniac. Fear was extinct within him. He cared no more for detachments of cavalry than he did for cowering sheriffs.

Affairs in New Mexico finally came to such a pass that half the cattlemen paid the youthful desperado tribute. It was only after Pat F. Garrett was made sheriff of Lincoln county and the author of "Ben-Hur" (General Wallace) urged that fearless gun fighter and gambler to capture Billy the Kid that a determined effort was made to end his reign of terror.

The obstacles that Garrett had to encounter called for all his headlong energy and nerve. Billy had the entire countryside in a state of abject terror; friends were ready to give him timely warning of pursuit; ranchmen dared not deny him lodgment or concealment.

Pat Garrett undertook the capture in October, 1880, and on Dec. 20 he surrounded the Kid and his band in a deserted house near Stinking Springs. After a siege lasting most of the day the outlaws' ammunition was exhausted. Billy the Kid surrendered. He and his four followers, surrounded by a great force of armed men, were taken to Las Vegas and thence to Santa Fe for safe keeping.

An array of indictments charging murder confronted him. He was tried on one indictment and acquitted, then tried on another and convicted. He carried himself throughout with sneering defiance. After he had been sentenced to hang Garrett took him to Fort Stanton, near Lincoln. Two deputies armed with Winchesters were assigned to guard him in the temporary jail in the Murphy & Dolan store building.

In some mysterious fashion the Kid possessed himself of a revolver, shot down his guards, seized their weapons and appeared at the window. When another guard appeared the prisoner riddled his body with buckshot. Then he called to an old man on the plaza to bring him a file. Filing off one of his shackles, he called for a horse. One was brought, and he escaped.

For nearly three months after that Billy the Kid led a fugitive life. Garrett dogged him patiently and finally got wind of his hiding place—the ranch of Peter Maxwell, near Fort Sumner. It was nearly midnight when Garrett and two deputies quietly approached the Maxwell hacienda. Garrett crept into the room where Maxwell was sleeping. Softly awakening the sleeper, he questioned him concerning the whereabouts of the Kid.

At that moment the hunted youth sprang into the room, calling out in Spanish, "Quien va?" ("Who comes there?") It was Billy. He was unarmed, and as he reached for his rifle Garrett shot him. The body of William Bonney (Billy the Kid) was buried in the military cemetery at Fort Stanton July 15, 1881. His age at the time of his death was twenty-one years seven months. There his body is today, though in later years a corpse was exhibited throughout the west as that of the famous young outlaw.—Harper's Weekly.

None Left Alive.

"An orator," said one of our states men, "was addressing an assemblage of the people. He recounted the people's wrongs. Then he passionately cried:

"'Where are America's great men? Why don't they take up the cudgel in our defense? In the face of our manifold wrongs why do they remain cold, immovable, silent?'

"'Because they're all cast in bronze!' shouted a cynic in the rear."

Bucolic Humor.

"Hiram, why don't you speak to that city gal out there a-sittin' on the grass with her back up agin your 'No Trespassing' sign?"

"Mandy, that young woman is beneath my notice."—Boston Transcript.

But Not the "One."

Mrs. Hoyle—My husband had $100,000 when I married him. Mrs. Doyle—How much has he now? Mrs. Hoyle—Oh, he has most of the ciphers left!—Bohemian.

No man can be prudent of his time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.—Jeremy Taylor.

GOOD HORSEMANSHIP.

An Old Hunter's Illustration of the Gift of "Hands."

Your heart and your head keep up,
Your hands and your knees keep down,
Your knees keep close to your horse's sides
And your elbows to your own.

This old bit of advice for the would be horseman is quoted by a writer in Baily's Magazine and declared to be perennially sound.

He quotes another old hunter on the subject of what he calls "the divine gift of hands" in riding. This old hunter, John Darby, used to attach two pieces of twine to the back of an ordinary chair and draw the same tighter until the chair balanced on its fore or hind legs, according to his own position.

Then when balanced he would keep it, so to speak, on the swing by gently manipulating the twine or reins he held in his hand. A rough pull would, of course, have upset the chair one way, whereas the fact of not checking it in its movements at all would have caused a total loss of control over it in the opposite direction.

"And that," when the exhibition was concluded he would add, "is hands, gentlemen."

Jogging to the covert, continues the writer, you may notice one fine horse, the owner fully equipped, throwing its head up and down like a pump handle, another sweating profusely, although the pace has not exceeded five miles an hour since it left the stable, and a third snorting and prancing about all over the place.

Why is this so? Simply because the rider of neither of them is possessed with the divine gift of "hands."

THE BEE'S STING.

An Ugly Weapon Something Like a Three Bladed Sword.

The bee's sting is made up of three separate lances, each with a barbed edge and each capable of being thrust forward independently of the others.

The central and broader lance has a hollow face furnished at each side with a rail or beading, which runs its whole length. On the back of each of the other two lances there is a longitudinal groove, and into these grooves fit the raised beadings of the central lancet.

Thus the sting is like a sword with three blades—united, but sliding upon one another—the barbed points of which continue to advance alternately into the wound, going ever deeper and deeper of their own malice aforethought after the initial thrust is made. It is a device of war compared to which the explosive bullet is but a clumsy brutality. Yet this is not all.

To make its death dealing powers doubly sure this thorough minded amazon must fill the haft of her triple blade with a subtle poison and so contrive its sliding mechanism that the same impulse which drives the points successively forward drenches the whole weapon with a fatal juice.—From "The Lore of the Honey Bee," by Tickner Edwardes.

The Weather House.

A very ingenious contrivance for foretelling the weather is the old fashioned "weather house," largely made in Switzerland. It is arranged in such a way that two figures act in response to the twisting of a piece of catgut. The material, supported by a wire, controls the movements of a little platform on either end of which is placed a model. Excessive moisture in the air causes the catgut to twist and turn the platform round, so that the man emerges from one of the doors in the front of the house. Reverse conditions of the atmosphere bring about the contraction of the catgut, and the platform swings back, thus bringing the figure of the woman into prominence at her particular door. The making of a weather house is quite an easy matter.

"Spoken English Very Good."

From an advertisement of a Danish hotel: "The hotels charmingly situation, surrounded of a nice garden the good cuisine, the kindly accommodation with moderate charge and good conveyances, with easy occasion for salmon and trout fishing, the ascending of the surrounding mountains has done this place well-known and praised of all travellers. N. B.—The landlord is spoken English very good."—Lahore Civil and Military Gazette.

A Riot of Color.

From the land of the Moros a soldier writes: "A Moro matron passed our quarters this morning wearing a heliotrope jacket, purple trousers with large heart designs worked in yellow, blue and pink embroidery, a red and black sarong, yellow plush slippers and yellow silk mantilla. The lady's maid (old), in modest garb, walked behind, carrying a magenta parasol."

Hobson's Choice.

"There is an egg for breakfast," remarked a landlady to her lodger. "Which do you prefer?"

"Prefer?" repeated the latter. "Where's the preference when you only offer an egg?"

"Why, you can have an egg or—nothing!" was the sharp reply.—London Scraps.

No Fun.

Jester Of course I expect pay for them. You don't suppose I write these things for fun, do you? Editor (handing back the batch of paragraphs)—Well, if you did, you failed most dismally. Illustrated Bits.

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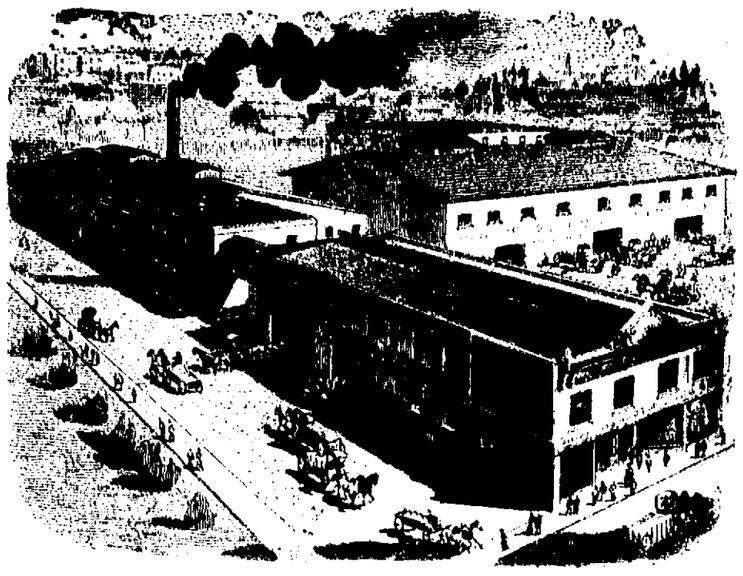
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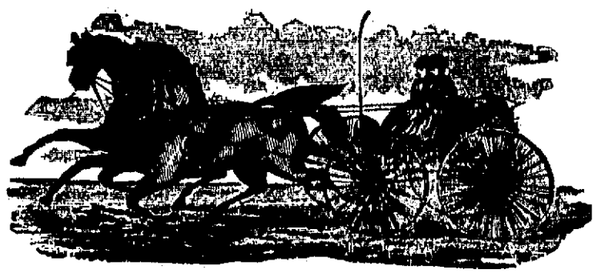
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Social News

Miss Minnie Hutchison entertained at dinner Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hutchison. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchison, Miss Cora McKirahan, Mr. Clayton Shipway, Mr. Clinton Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Custer entertained on Christmas day with a nicely appointed turkey dinner. Among the guests were Rev. and Mrs. Gage and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Seat and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Casey and family and Prof. Franklin of Lordsburg.

The J.O.C. class of the Christian Church spent a pleasant afternoon on Thursday as the guests of their teacher, Mrs. E. O. Thomason, fourteen girls being present. Miss Eva Utter of Glendale was present as the guest of honor. Games and music were enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Phyllis Brunjes numbers among her Christmas presents a handsome set of dishes from Grandma Brunjes. To christen them she gave a "cousin party" on Friday afternoon. The guests were Muriel and Gwennie Sherwood, Margery Clarke, Margaret, Dorothy and Nellie Matthews, Gertrude and Meta Hoogendyk.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Walton gave a most enjoyable reception on Wednesday evening for the Sunday-school class of the former at the Presbyterian Church. The chief feature of the evening was a delicious four-course dinner over which the guests lingered long. The rest of the evening passed quickly with games and music.

A jolly and unique party was the "slumber party" given on Tuesday evening by the Misses Ethel and Mabel Houser in honor of their cousins, the Misses Beatrice and Winifred Wilkins and their friend, Miss Mayne Seeley of Highlands. Other guests were the Misses Vic and Anna Reynolds, Gus Sanders, Mildred Houser, Ethel Keefer and Ino Van Anken. Songs, gymnastics, and a midnight feast were among the amusements and the sandman came along about four a.m. Flashlight pictures were taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller entertained with a good, old-fashioned dinner on New Year's day. Among the many viands with which the table groaned was a buxom and toothsome turkey sent from Kelseyville by Mr. and Mrs. Madison Bashor, parents of the hostess. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith and son and Miss Kitty Bashor of Prospect Park, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bashor and children of Duarte, and Miss Helen Flory, a cousin, from Los Angeles.

A number of little girls were the happy guests last Saturday afternoon of Prof. and Mme. Van Vliet, being invited to celebrate the 15th birthday of their daughter, Hannie. Games and refreshments of lemonade, cake and apples were enjoyed alternately, and then they all trouped down to the Palace of Sweets and were treated to ice cream and sodas. On returning to the house they found a delicious birthday cake waiting for them. Those present were the Misses Muriel and Lorine Bemis, Mabel and Helen Hovde, Phyllis Brunjes and June Sides.

The nicest of Christmas presents was a dear little pink and white baby that the stork brought to the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Atwood on Christmas day, 1891. He was given the name of George and his name is still George, although he has changed somewhat himself. Last Christmas day a number of his classmates of the high school surprised him at his home and enjoyed the gracious hospitality of his mother. All kinds of games were played and about an hour was spent round the refreshment table. Those present were the Misses Potter, Capron, Arthur, Graham, Clifford, Broadwell; Masters Glen Leisure, Waterhouse, Fabrick, Stanton, Hubert Neil, Roy and Ray Kistler.

The choir of the Methodist Church was hospitably entertained on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warren. The first part of the evening was devoted to practicing for the coming Sunday, after which music and musical games were enjoyed. Dainty refreshments were served. The assembled company watched the old year out and the new year in. Those present were the Rev. and Mrs. Harry White, Dr. and Mrs. G. Aschenbrenner and children, Geraldine and Fred, Prof. and Mrs. Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Whitsel, Mrs. J. D. Reed and son Wallace, Miss Heath and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pitts, Miss McVey, Mr. Wm. Lee.

The Misses Vic and Anna Reynolds entertained the "Needle Club" on Thursday afternoon at their home on Vincent street. Those present were the Misses Ethel and Mabel Houser, Keefer, Mairs, Sanders and Hastings. Refreshments were served.

Miss Rose Hepner entertained at dinner on last Sunday the Misses Anna McVey, Lottie Neher, Florence England and Messrs. Isaac Funderbaugh, Daniel McVey and Ernest Hoffman, all of Lordsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Warner gave a dinner party on Christmas day, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. A. Warner, Mrs. Hannah Worley, Mr. and Mrs. McNeil of Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Fultz of Burlington, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldridge, Sr., of Los Angeles, parents of the hostess. A lovely Christmas tree was enjoyed in the morning.

A pretty home wedding on Tuesday united in holy matrimony Misss Blanche Boots and Mr. Charles A. Price, of Stockton. The house was artistically decorated by friends, the parlor being in a scheme of green and white, and the dining room in red and green. In the corner of the parlor palm leaves and white roses formed a pretty triumphal arch, under which the ceremony was preformed by the Rev. G. Chemberlen. A dainty luncheon was then enjoyed by the assembled guests, covers being laid for twenty. The bride was fair and sweet in a pure white dress trimmed with lace and applique, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The young couple left on the 8 p.m. car for the groom's home in Stockton. The bride is a charming young lady much loved by her many friends here.

Senior Class Play.

The senior play of 1908, "The County Chairman," given by the senior class of Covina High School, was presented at the Club House, Friday evening, Dec. 18, before an audience which completely filled the building.

The "County Chairman" was conceded by all present the best play given in the history of the school. It is a play by George Ade, illustrating the wholesome wit and simple life of a Middle Western town in the early eighties.

The play hinges upon the election of a district attorney of "Jefferson county," in which county the town of the play is situated. Judge Elias Rigby and Tilford Wheeler are opposing candidates for the office. Jim Hackler, the county chairman, is Wheeler's partner and a bitter enemy of Rigby. Wheeler loves Lucy Rigby. Naturally complications ensue, but after a hard struggle, love and straight politics win out, Wheeler is elected and wins Lucy Rigby, and the curtain goes down leaving everybody happy. The play is replete with comedy, pathos, and intensely dramatic situations which grip the attention of the audience from start to finish. The following composed the cast of characters: Walter Aschenbrenner, Sherman Gail, Wesley Nigg, Clarence Hodges, Irvin Reynolds, Walter Hepner, Virgil Utter, Fred Chemberlen, John Bixby, Oliver Bell, Marion Adsit, Edward Walters, Tom Reed, Roy Kistler, Zae Aschenbrenner, Clifford Neil, Gertrude Elliott, Alice Atwood, Lola Keefer, Geraldine Aschenbrenner, Marian Given, Myra Burpee.

The play went through with a snap and go which made every minute interesting. The comedy parts were handled especially well by Virgil Utter, Fred Chemberlen and Tom Reed. The best acting in the play occurred in the third act, in the scene where Hackler, because of the pleading of Rigby's wife, Hackler's former sweetheart, destroyed a paper, which, if made public as Hackler had intended, would have ruined Rigby's reputation. This scene was acted to perfection by Alice Atwood, Walter Aschenbrenner and Wesley Nigg. Others who gave excellent interpretations of the parts assigned them were Sherman Gail, Marian Given and Gertrude Elliott. John Bixby as the old settler was fine, never losing track of the idea throughout the play. Between the acts the high school orchestra rendered several selections. The "tube" band in the second act made a hit with their numbers.

Improvements by Covina Irrigating Company.

The Covina Irrigating Company has laid another half mile of thirty-six inch cement pipe, thus completing the pipe line from Gladstone avenue on the north to the outfall into the Walnut wash on the south, in place of the old cement main ditch.

This will insure a supply of pure water for filling cisterns, will stop the loss of a quantity of water by evaporation and will save all expense of repairing and cleaning the ditch.

Fortunate Water Strike.

The Columbia Land and Water Company has struck water successfully in the latest project of putting down an augmentation to the present system in the San Dimas wash. The company started the new well two hundred feet north of the deep well now in operation, and at the depth of forty-six feet encountered abundant water. The contract, which is let out to S. F. Gatey of Los Angeles, calls for the well to proceed to the depth of five hundred feet if it is necessary, but the present indications point to the finding of a satisfactory amount of water in permanent quantities at two hundred feet. Mr. Gates is recognized as one of the best well-borers in the San Gabriel valley. This latest addition to the supply of the Columbia Land and Water company places it in a position to deliver plenty of water to meet the demand of the large number of new groves being planted in the Charter Oak district.

WATER FLOWS STEADILY.

Since the installation of the big deep well pump on the ranch of William Griffiths, just south of Covina, the water has never varied in volume. Mr. Griffiths placed into action a deep-well pump of the make turned out by the Pomona Manufacturing company, and installed a Western gas engine. He is now watering his eighty acres of walnuts, with its intermediate crop of alfalfa, and says that he has plenty of water to spare.

POMONA CROP LARGE.

P. J. Dreher of the San Antonio fruit exchange gives it as his opinion that the orange crop in this valley this season will be ten per cent. larger than it was last year, when the shipments of citrus fruits amounted to 2100 cars. Of this amount the San Antonio exchange, which is composed of the exchanges at Pomona, North Pomona, Claremont and San Dimas, handled 1715 carloads, 1021 being sent from this city and North Pomona.

It is predicted that the lemon crop will also be considerably larger than last season, when 575 carloads were shipped, the exchange sending 470 carloads of this number. The orange crop here is in excellent condition and good prices are expected.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Valley Savings Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at the office of the corporation, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. M. GRISWOLD,
Assistant Cashier.

Covina, Cal., Dec. 19, 1908.

Summons.

In the Justice's Court of Rowland township, County of Los Angeles, State of California. State of California plaintiff, vs. J. F. Jackson, and R. P. Davidson, defendants.

The people of the State of California send greetings to: J. F. Jackson and R. P. Davidson defendants.

You are here directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, in the Justice's Court of Rowland Township, Los Angeles County, State of California, and to answer before the justice at his office in Covina, in said Township, the complaint filed therein, within five days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served within the Township, in which this action is brought, or, if served out of said Township but within said County, within ten days; or within twenty days if served elsewhere. And you are hereby notified that unless you so appear and answer said complaint, as above required, said plaintiff will cause your default to be entered and take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with the cost of suit.

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